



IS IN FROZEN NORTHLAND

Message From Norwegian Scientist.

TELLS OF DISCOVERIES

Says He Traversed Entire Length of Far Famed Northwest Passage.

FIRST TO ACCOMPLISH FEAT

Navigator, Explorer and Scientist, Amundsen, Takes Accurate Astronomical Observations Within 90 Miles of the Magnetic Pole—Pole not Shifted.

Seattle, Dec. 9.—By special arrangement with the Post-Intelligencer, which secured the following from Eagle, Alaska, last night, via Dawson, it is learned that Captain Roald Amundsen, the Norwegian scientist and navigator is at that place and will remain in the North until he hears from Nansen by mail. Besides his cable message, he has sent a mail report to Nansen, soldered up in a brass cylinder, weighing 21 pounds.

Captain Mogg, of the San Francisco whaler *Bonanza*, wrecked off King Point, accompanied the explorer on his 700 mile journey overland. Amundsen states he has traversed the entire length of the far famed Northwest passage, being the first man to do so, traveling from East to West. On Boothia island he took accurate astronomical observations within 90 miles of the magnetic pole. He believes he passed over the pole, but the needle observations made other variations possible. He states as a result of his work, that the former navigators have been correct in their observations and the pole has not shifted.

Amundsen passed the graves of three of Franklin's men, and saw the grave-stones erected by Sir John Franklin.

At the mouth of the MacKenzie, Amundsen reports the declination of the needle is forty-five degrees East.

Mogg, who accompanied the explorer, reports five whalers caught in the ice at Herschel island. The crews include 200 men and the two officers' wives, who are with the party. The women, several officers, and some of the men have started over the ice to Point Barrow with the purpose of going to Nome. The whalers are plentifully supplied with provisions and can hold out until next August. Plenty of caribou, mountain sheep, and musk ox, are close at hand. The icebound whalers have physicians with them and a sufficient supply of medicine.

Amundsen expects to start back to his ship with the Northwest mounted police this winter, taking with him Dr. Variele, a French explorer, who has organized, in Seattle and Dawson, an exploration society.

TWO MINERS ARE BRUTALLY SHOT FROM AN AMBUSH

Spokane, Dec. 9. A Wilbur, Washington special to the Spokesman Review says: "While L. Heady and Gus Pearson were coming from their mining claim on the Colville reservation, they were fired upon from ambush. Both were badly wounded. Heady crawled back to the tunnel and remained until the moon rose, when he went to a set-

tlement on Columbia river. He was very faint from loss of blood, and it took him twelve hours to travel the five miles. Heady thought his partner was killed, but a rescuing party found him in his cabin nearly dead from the loss of blood. It is not thought that either will recover. William Schiminski, 19 years old, has been arrested, charged with the crime.

KANSAS LAND FRAUDS

Grand Jury Returns 24 Indictments Against Cattlemen.

Topeka, Dec. 9.—After submitting a partial report containing 24 indictments against the cattlemen, the United States grand jury in session here during the past week, investigating the Kansas land fraud cases adjourned until Thursday of next week. Three indictments charge conspiracy to defraud the United States government out of a portion of the public domain, and subornation of perjury in securing fraudulent homestead entries. The other 21 indictments, charge unlawful enclosure of public lands. All the men indicted are wealthy cattle barons.

COAL IS LOST

Wind Storm Causes Coal Barge to Sink.

Hawesville, Ky., Dec. 9.—Tonight the towboats of Harry Brown and Raymond Horner with tows of coal for New Orleans were caught in a wind storm opposite here. Brown lost 27 barges, while Horner lost seven. Each barge contained 25,000 bushels of coal. The coal is valued at \$120,000; the barges at \$64,000. No lives were lost.

BALFOUR SPEAKS

Leader of Opposition Party Talks to Constituents.

GIVES REASONS FOR RESIGNING

British Statesman Indicates Unionists Attack Will Be Centered on Home Rule Record of Liberals—Vote of Confidence Is Placed in Balfour.

Manchester, Eng., Dec. 9.—Arthur J. Balfour, now the leader of the opposition party in the United Kingdom, opened the campaign by a striking speech before his Manchester constituents today. With the utmost frankness, the former Premier explained that the resignation of his government was on the ground of expediency, and showing how each step was carefully considered some time before acting. Balfour defended his action regarding the Unionist government, in its retention in office, on the ground that it is essential to wait until the Anglo-Japanese treaty is finally concluded and other necessary features of the government program are carried out. Balfour plainly indicated that the Unionist attack would be centered on the Home Rule record of the Liberals; while the Unionists would use their own record on home, foreign and colonial policies as their bulwark of defense. The meeting concluded by passing a vote of confidence in Balfour.

RELATIONS BROKEN OFF.

Princeton, Dec. 9.—It is announced here tonight that Harvard has broken off baseball relations with Princeton for next season because of failure to agree on the number of games to be played.

AFTER TIMBER SWINDLERS IN EARNEST

HIRAM GODDARD SWEARS OUT SIX WARRANTS

Wealthy Wisconsin Lumber Dealer Alleges That He Was Cheated Out of \$100,000 Worth of Land And Now Wants Revenge.

CERTIFICATES OF 7,000 ACRES LAND PROVED FORGERIES

Many Investors in Wisconsin and Minnesota Especially Near La Crosse Are Caught in Timber Sharks Maws—Horace McKinley and S. A. D. Puter Principals in the Enormous Land Grants—Jefferson County, Washington Place Where Conspirators Carried on Extensive Frauds in Fake Oil Wells.

La Crosse, Dec. 9.—In the effort to prosecute the timber land operators, whom he claims swindled him out of Oregon lands to the value of \$100,000, Hiram Goddard, a wealthy lumberman of this city today swore out warrants for the arrest of six men. Those named in the warrants are: S. A. D. Puter, convicted of conspiracy to defraud the government at the time of the land fraud cases in the "seven eleven" district of Oregon, H. H. Diggs, George

land speculations with McKinley, and Puter, et al., acting somewhat in the capacity of a broker.

Certificates of Oregon school lands put in his possession, he induced certain Eastern people to buy. It now appears that these certificates were forged and thousands of acres of land were disposed of in this manner. Hibbard claims never to have known Hiram Goddard, and had no dealings whatever with him. It is suggested that perhaps

IMPERIAL UKASE ISSUED

Certain Provisional Laws Granted to the Russians.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 8.—An imperial ukase today contains the provisional laws governing the press in general. Censorship of periodicals and illustrated papers are abolished, except in country districts. Punishments for periodical press is practically abolished. Responsibility for breaches of the press laws must be established in courts of law. The right of the minister of the interior to prohibit the publication or discussion of questions affecting the government is abrogated. The ukase contains a long list of exceptional cases which will entail legal proceedings with penalties on convictions ranging from a fine of \$150 to imprisonment or deportation.

SMALLPOX ON SYLPH

President's Yacht Is Now in Quarantine.

Washington, Dec. 9.—There is smallpox on the naval yacht Sylph, assigned for the use of the President and his family. The vessel is practically quarantined, and the crew is under close observation. Only one case has yet developed, that of a negro sailor, who was removed to the contagious hospital. It has been a month or two since the President and any of the members of his family have been aboard the Sylph, and no harm is felt on that score.

PROTOCOLS SIGNED.

Caracas, Dec. 9.—Foreign Minister Yabarra and Dr. Delgrac, the Brazilian minister yesterday signed protocols of settlement in the boundary question between Venezuela and Brazil, which have been pending since the treaty of 1859.

COMMERCIALS DEFEATED

Seattle Athletes Get 35 Points to Locals None.

ASTORIA OUTCLASSED

Local Boys Fight Hard Against Overwhelming Odds.

SEATTLE HAS ITS OWN WAY

Washingtonians Have the Pigskin Practically all Game—Might Have Doubled the Score Had They Wished—Astoria Was Outweighed.

Seattle, Dec. 9.—The Seattle Athletic Club football team defeated the Astoria Commercial Club team this afternoon by a score of 35 to 0. Seattle had the ball practically all of the game and might easily have doubled the score had it so wished. Astoria was outweighed and outclassed.

The lineup of the Commercial Club eleven was as follows: Abercrombie, quarterback; Sutton, left tackle; Higginbotham, right half; Gajmal, left guard; Bays, center; Graham, left half and captain; Tully, right tackle; Goddard, right guard; Blair, sub, full; Minard, right end; Sovey, manager; Painter, full; Mathena, left end; McCarron, sub end; Campbell, sub quarter.

ENDS IN ROW

Multnomah-Corvallis Football Game Proved a Farce.

Portland, Dec. 9.—The referee in today's football game between the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club and the Oregon Agricultural College eleven, decided that Multnomah had won the contest by a score of 6 to 0, after the Agricultural College team had quit the game shortly after the beginning of the second half on account of alleged questionable decisions by officials. The game was a miserable exhibition, punctuated with prolonged wrangles between the players and the officials.

WOULD DESTROY FRIGATE

Famous Old Ship Constitution to Go to the Boneyard.

Baltimore, Dec. 9.—Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte in an interview today touching the old frigate Constitution is quoted by the American as saying that all his correspondents on this subject do not know the true history of this frigate. He says his idea in recommending breaking up of the Constitution, which has been repaired so often, and is so patched up and re-constructed that the original Constitution has practically lost its identity in the re-constructed hulk now lying in the mud of the Charleston navy yard.



THE LAST STAND OF THE GAMBLERS AND DANCE HALL MEN. FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR ON WHICH SIDE OF THE STREET ARE YOU?

Hibbard, Kay McKay, John Doe, and Richard Roe.

Word was received here that George Hibbard is already under arrest in Portland.

Goddard is said to have purchased from the men named, certificates for 7000 acres of timber land in Oregon. The certificates he says are proved to be forgeries. Many investors in Wisconsin and Minnesota, especially in vicinity of La Crosse are said to have been caught in the same manner.

George Hibbard, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, was arrested here last evening on request from the La Crosse, Wisconsin, authorities after an investigation by State Land Agent Oswald West. West was convinced that Hibbard was unjustly accused, the inquiry leading him to the belief that Hibbard had been used as a cats-paw by Horace G. McKinley, S. A. D. Puter, Kay McKay and others in the interest of Eastern investors in Oregon lands. At the suggestion of West, the Wisconsin authorities consented to release Hibbard on his own recognizance. It is believed that Kay McKay is Hibbard's uncle, and through him, he became interested in

Goddard purchased certificates from innocent victims of the land ring.

Hibbard came to this coast about two years ago, in the interests of Wisconsin investors who had been induced to purchase stock in the Pacific Land & Oil Company, organized at Seattle, Washington, by E. G. Rogdon and Horace McKinley. The company secured forty thousand acres of land by process of mineral locations in Jefferson county, Washington, and sold stock to the value of about sixty thousand dollars to develop the property. Wells were sunk and in all about \$3000 expended in development. What, if any interest, McKay had in this company cannot be learned, but it is known that nothing was done in the way of oil development after a few thousand dollars were spent in unsuccessful efforts to extract oil in paying quantities from the ground.

Kay McKay is believed to be in Seattle, Washington.

BASEBALL SCORE.

Los Angeles, Dec. 9.—Los Angeles, 6; Tacoma, 2.

GETS 14 YEARS

Man Convicted of Criminal Assault on 13-Year Old Girl.

Bellingham, Dec. 9.—D. A. Griffin, a prominent hotel man, and pioneer politician of Deming, was today sentenced by Judge Neterer, in the Superior Court to serve 14 years in the penitentiary for criminal assault upon Winnie Johnson, a 13-year old domestic in his household. Notice of appeal was given immediately.

MILLIONAIRE SUICIDES BECAUSE OF DESPONDENCY

New York, Dec. 9.—Robert D. Ballantine, aged 35 years, a grandson of Peter Ballantine, who founded the brewery firm of H. Ballantine & Sons, committed suicide at his mother's home here by shooting. Despondency was the cause. His father, John H. Ballantine, with the latter's brother, Robert, succeeded the founder of the firm and after the death of John H. Ballantine, his interest in the business which was estimated as worth \$5,000,000 reverted to the widow. He was a graduate of Princeton and unmarried.